



# TOWN OF ROCKLAND

## Board of Selectmen

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## OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF February 3, 2014

### Chairman:

Edward F. Kimball

### Vice Chairman:

Deborah A. O'Brien

### Selectmen:

Lawrence J. Chaffee

Michael P. Johnson

Larry J. Ryan

### Town Administrator:

Allan R. Chiocca

### Executive Assistant:

Mary B. Stewart

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING Monday February 3, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM  
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET  
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOS for Warren D. Najarian

**NOTE:** Ms. O'Brien was not present the entire meeting.

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## OPEN FORUM

## MINUTES

### 2. Open Session Minutes of December 16, 2013

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

### 3. Open Session Minutes of January 6, 2014

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson passed 4-0.

### 4. Executive Session Minutes of January 6, 2014

~MOTION to approve not to be released until all matters are settled by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & \*postponed items of 1.21.14 & 1.28.1**

### **5. \*Continued Community Development Hearing Continuation**

Wayne Darragh of Communities Opportunities Group discussed the proposed Block Grant submission with the BOS.

~MOTION to close the hearing by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

~MOTION to support the grant proposal submission by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

### **6. \*SSTTDC**

Lengthy discussion took place on the merits of the proposal by Chairman Kimball regarding the Southfield. The Board of Selectmen and audience members discussed and debated pending proposals for the future of Southfield and SSTTDC.

**NOTE: 9:20 p.m. Selectman Johnson left the meeting at this point**

### **7. Rockland Senior Housing project-John Rogers**

~John Rogers requested the BOS vote to send a letter requesting to join the Quincy Home Consortium which will help the Rockland Housing Foundation's pursue of funding for a Senior Housing Project on Norman Street.

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ryan passed 3-0.

### **8. \*Treasurer's Office update-John Ellard ----Item postponed to February 18, 2014**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **9. Holy Family School Road Race request**

~MOTION to approve subject to Police Department approval by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Chaffee passed 3-0.

### **10. SPED Pac-Toll Booth Request**

~MOTION to approve subject to Police Department approval by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ryan passed 3-0.

### **11. Contract with Rockland Firefighters**

Town Counsel and the BOS discussed the agreement approved on January 29, 2014 with the Rockland Firefighters.

## **12. Emergency appropriation- Generator request**

**Mr. Chiocca discussed the emergency need to purchase a generator for the Highway Department to run the fuel pumps and building when power outages occur.**

**~MOTION to approve by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Chaffee passed 3-0.**

## **13. \*Budget Presentation**

**Town Accountant Eric Hart made a power point presentation of the FY15 Budget recommendations for approval by the BOS. TA Chiocca and Accountant Hart provided an early FY15 suggestion based upon anticipated revenue and expenditure projections. They emphasized the process is still very fluid and as a result projections are not finalized.**

**~MOTION to approve the budget recommendations and forward to the Finance Committee by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ryan passed 3-0.**

## **14. \*Appointments**

**~MOTION to approve Lorraine Ahern as an Associate Member of the Conservation Committee**

## **20. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

**~TA Chiocca requested approval to be on the South Shore Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Corp.**

**~MOTION by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ryan passed 3-0.**

**~TY Letter for Veteran's Agent Tony Materna  
Read a thank you letter from Abington for Tony's recent help**

**~Town Report submission are due.**

**~Announced the Board of Assessors has recently made property and assessment records available on line.**

**~Reminder Nomination papers are still available at the Town Clerk's office.**

**~The all-night and snow emergency parking ban is still in effect.**

**~The ribbon cutting event for the Beech Street Solar Project is scheduled for March 6, 2014 at 10 a.m.**

~Green Community Grant usage

The BOS were informed of the usage of some of the Green Community Grant funds for projects at the Wastewater Plant, Library and Highway Department. Additional projects are planned at the 3 Elementary Schools, and the Wastewater Plant.

#### SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

*Chairman Kimball read:*

*Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.*

**Mr. Ryan**

- Expressed condolences to the family of Warren Najarian.
- Of public interest, there has been a Bald Eagle nesting in Rockland.

**Mr. Chaffee**

- Expressed condolences to the family of Warren Najarian.

**Mr. Kimball**

- No comments

Meeting ended at 10:10 p.m.



Allan R. Chiocca  
Town Administrator



Deborah A. O'Brien, Vice Chairman  
for the Rockland Board of Selectmen

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

**BOS Next Scheduled Meeting February 18, 2014**